Die Veneris 26.to Jan.

Upon the Reading of the two afore. Litt. the Judges took into Consideracon the danger that Ballards Estate lay in if continued to be administred by ye. Stephen Luffe in ye. Stead of ye. Sara. The Judges Convinced for the preservacon of the orphans to Order that the adm.on formerly Granted to ye. Sara be Superseded & Revoked & further

Ordered that Arnold Clay (being by the Sara adjudged to be the fittest to ad. as appears by her Litt.) have Litt. of adm.on of the d. Ballards Estate her giving bond with two Suffict. Sureties in double ye value of ye. d. deds Estate, & for as much as the d. bond could not be given att St. Marys it was ordered that Com.on issue to Mary Smith of Somerset County aforesd. Gentl. impowering him to take ye Same, then to Minister unto ye. d. Arnold ye usuall oath of an ad. & further that Capt. David Brown & Roger Woolford be appr. of ye. d. Estate & that ye. Smith do Swear them. And the d. Com.on bond, Litt. of adm.on Warrt. to app. & to Swear them Jurors did. ye. Sheriff Immediatly

Inventt. rett. in 3 months

And Whereas it is mencond in ye. d. Litt. that Stephen Luffe afore. hath taken in his possession, & withd to his own use Some bills belonging to ye Estate of ye. d. Charles Ballard dec. The Judges ordered further that Citacon issue to ye Sheriffe of Somerset County directed, to Summon the d. Luffe to appear before them in this Court, on the 26.th day of February next ensuing then & there to render an acct. upon his oath of what bills & papers belonging to ye. d. Estate he hath in his hands or possession, to ye. End ye Same be sett in ye. adm. handed to whom of Rt. the Same doth belong. And the d. Citacon Jurors did. ye. Sheriff of this office Immediatly. Rt. as afore.

Die Saturni 27.o Jan.

Cam. Richard Gardiner of St. Marys County Gentl. & Preferred to the Judges that the Nuncupative Will of Collin Mackenzy late of St. Marys County dec.d being proved by ye oaths of the Witnesses before Chm. Hill of the County aforesd. Gentl may stand good & that he may have Lett. of adm. with ye. Will annexed.

Whereupon the Judges took ye. Will in Cremmacon & judged ye Same valid as for ye Chattels & other Goods, but as for the Land they declared it utterly void.

Ordered Gardiner took the oath of Exr. Immediatly & had the Lett. of adm. delivered unto him & Jno. Bullock with Joseph Fowler were appointed app. of the deds Estate Warrt. therefore issued did. ye Sheriff impowering Chm. Hill to take their oathes

Inventt. Returnable in 3 months

Eodem die

Richard Gardiner of St. Marys County Gentl. Showed that Collin Mackenzy late of the Same County dec.d had Lett. of adm.on on the Estate of Richard Crauch late also of St. Marys County dec.d mistakenly granted unto him some time before his death, that before any of the d. Goods were administred ye. Mackenzy was prevented by death, and therefore the d. Gardiner prayed that his being Exr. of ye verball will of Collin Mackenzy may also ad. on ye Estate of Richard Crauch aforesd.

Ordered that Richard Gardiner have Lett. of adm.on & that Com.on issue to Chm. Hill Gentl to take bond & oath of him & further ordered that Jno. Bullock & Joseph Fowler be appr. and ye. d. Com.on Lett. of adm.on Warrt to app. & to Swear them Jurors did. ye Sheriff Immediatly

Inventt. rett. in 3 months.

Die Jovis 1.o Feb.

Came Michaell Peary of Calvert County & showed that Ambrose Sandford late of Calvert County dec.d did in his Lifetime make his last Will & Testam. in Writing & thereunto did appoint Abell Browne of Ann Arundell County to be appointed by the d. Will Exr. & that the d. Browne refused to take upon him ye Execution of the Executorship as by his Renuncation following in these Words may plainly appear.

Loving friend.

Mr. Peary I Recd ye. by the hands of Mr. Parker, in which I discover that my Brother Credito. are in Great Want, you stand friend & shall always find me for ad to my power in his acquaintance with my brother Credition therefore I think fitt to let you know what is Requisite for I think it is not worth my Trouble being I find friend to ye parties mind that what is expected for to remain unto the next Successor, to which proposition I am very willing & therefore do Relinquish all my Rt. Title & Interest ad to what the Testator had bequeath my brother & him provided they do satisfy his debts and I am Redyest Willing that you or any Man else may adm. I not obstructing them in any Wayes, ad Exr. Good Will in doing you therefore pray Let his debts be satisfied as you can Conveniently not Else. ye. friend to Command

Abell Browne.

Decemb.r ye 8.th 1682

Mr. Peary Amongst the Rest of my brothers debts there is five shillings due to Major Nicholas Gasaway for a pair of Stockings Which I desire may be Remembered & satisfied for he protests that he never Received any Satisfaction for them.

Upon the Reading of Which Letter the Judges Ordered that Com.on issue to Roger Brooke of Calvert County aforesd. Gentl. to take the oath of Execut. of Michaell Peary & then to delivr. unto him ye Lett. Testam. with ye Will annexed it being proved in this Court before Thomas Gruminn Reg. by the oaths of Edward Molins, & Joseph Ricaut the Witnesses subscribed to the d. will, and further Ordered that Thomas Pasker & Richd. Smith be appr. of the deds Estate & that the d. Brooke do Swear them. And the d. Com.on Lett. Testam. with Copy of the Will annexed Jurors did. ye Sheriff accordingly with Warrt. to app. ye.

Inventory rett. in 3 months

Die Lunae 5.to Feb.

Then was Exhibited the Invent. of the goods & Chattels of Charles Ballard late of Anne Arundell County deceased and the appraisem.t thereof Und. the hands & Seals of David Brown & Reg. Woolford appr. appointed of the deceased Estate Which the Judges Ordered to be Recorded in the Book of Inventory & accompted in this office Sept.

Eodem die

Came Wm. Burges of Ann Arund.ll County Returned the Com.on unto him directed to Swear Mary Williams of the Same County the Relict & Exr. of the last will & Testam. of Jno. Robinson late also of ye County aforesd. dec.d, to the truth of her acct. of the deds Estate Which ye d. Burges returned to have done on the 10.th day of Jan. last past, And the d. acct. with the Rights belonging to it being provided in this Court, the Same was ordered to be Registred in the Book of Inventory & accompted in this Court Sept.